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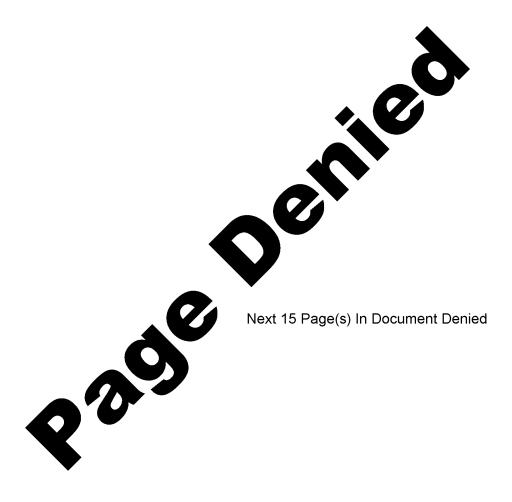
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Washington, D. C. 20505

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26 February 1986

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# THE SECRETARY OF STATE WASHINGTON

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February 21, 1986

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Dear Bill:

I recently met with Bob Gates, Mike Armacost, and INR, and discussed ways in which the Community could be of more direct support to me. I agreed that for me to get more out of the capabilities of the Community, I needed to devote more of my own time to telling you what would be helpful to me.

To do that, I will send you from time to time a note with items that are of concern to me that do not seem to be adequately addressed. In some cases it may be a matter of collection priorities; in others it may be a need for updated analysis.

Please feel free to share my concerns with the directors of the Community's agencies, as appropriate. Mort Abramowitz and INR can serve as a point of contact for elaborating on my concerns and working with your people on the answers.

My requests, in no particular order, are attached for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

George P. Shultz

The Honorable
William J. Casey,
Director of Central Intelligence Agency.

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- 1. My Trip to Europe: Are there any surprises planned for me by any of the West European governments that I will be visiting in March? In particular, what can I expect out of Papandreou?
- 2. <u>Domestic Situation in Libya</u>: As we develop our policy on how to continue pressuring Qadhafi, it would be helpful to know what effect our moves to date have had and how secure Qadhafi is at home. There seems to be a shortage of reporting on domestic attitudes toward Qadhafi in Libya, both military and civilian. We see occasional HUMINT reports, but it is impossible to draw much of a reliable picture from them.
- 3. Can Iraq Hold? The recent Iranian offensive raises again the question of Iraq's ability to react to setbacks and our need for contingency plans to deal with an Iraqi collapse. Once again, we see occasional HUMINT reports of the morale of the Iraqi army and its attitude toward the war, but I do not have a good understanding of whether the Iraqi army's morale could withstand a major military defeat. I also have some difficulty understanding why the Iraqis do not do better on the battlefield. Do we have a good feel for this situation? Changes here can affect our whole Middle East diplomacy.
- 4. Will Sudan Transition Peacefully? The situation in the Sudan is unstable and the potential for adverse developments seems high. I understand that there is a SNIE in preparation on the Sudan and the prospects for a successful transition to a moderate elected government. During this preelection period, I think we need as much collection as possible on possible coups, Libyan activity, and non-moderate factions.
- 5. <u>Is India Going Nuclear?</u> We have been trying to use the window of Rajiv's first few months to encourage an Indian-Pakistani dialogue, including the nuclear issue. Thus I am concerned with recent indications of a shift on the desirability of weaponizing. This prospect should be a high collection priority.
- 6. Is the Soviet SDI Program Getting a Lift? As we develop our arms control strategy, we need to take into account what the Soviets are doing with their strategic forces budget. There were reports that Gorbachev was under pressure from his military to increase funding for SDI and counter-SDI programs before the Summit. Can we tell if he has increased funding in these areas since the Summit?
- 7. Whereabouts of Terrorists: I know that it is already a priority to locate terrorist leaders and those who have committed acts against Americans. Obviously, we need to keep this as a high priority.



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- 8. Central America: So far we lack hard information on the thinking of the new Central American governments with respect to Nicaragua, including their attitudes toward the contras, of particular importance with respect to Honduras, which has shown a capacity to surprise us. We also lack sufficient intelligence on the progress of the war in Nicaragua.
- 9. Reaction to Tech Transfer: An analysis of the ways in which countries are reacting to our stricter attitudes on technology transfer and COCOM enforcement could be valuable, i.e., are there ways in which they are circumventing through projects that appear not to use US components; are they avoiding collaboration with US firms?
- 10. Exploiting Soviet Troubles in the Middle East: Clearly events in the PDRY have been something of a disaster for the Soviets. The countries of the area are much more sensitive to the threat of Soviet meddling. Are there opportunities for exploiting this situation that we may be overlooking?
- ll. Syria: Assad's health is an uncertain factor. We don't know how long he will be with us. Is his departure from the scene likely to hurt or help our efforts in the Middle East?

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